

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


The title has been amended to render it consistent with the English translation of the specification.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to clarify the claim language, and to place the claims in a format more consistent with U.S. patent practice. Claims 17-20, 42, 58-60, and 70 have been canceled. The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed claims and the specification. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to any appropriate subject matter, whether previously claimed or unclaimed, in this and/or related patent applications in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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